

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action issued with respect the present application, the Applicant submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment:

In the Amendment;

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the ink supply harness comprises a plurality of ink supply hoses attached to the printhead and a corresponding plurality of ink supply hoses attached to the respective reservoirs, and that the printhead and reservoir hoses are interconnected via the self-sealing disconnect coupling. Support for these amendments can be found at page 41, lines 1-6 and Fig. 11 of the present application; and

dependent claims 5, 12, 13, 17, 18, 21-31, 37-42, 44, 45 and 47-49 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 5, 12, 13, 17, 18, 21-31, 37-42, 44, 45 and 47-49 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Martin, Nozawa, Goldstein, Silverbrook, Rasmussen and Austin in view of newly cited Coiner et al. (US 6,120,132), for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the self-sealing disconnect coupling interrupts ink supply hoses of both the printhead and the ink reservoirs. In this way, the printhead is easily removable from the claimed printer without loss of ink or user inconvenience (see page 41, lines 1-6 and Fig. 11 of the present application).

On the other hand, Coiner specifically discloses an arrangement in which the valve structure 120 is directly coupled with the port 114 of the cartridge 100. Further, there is no motivation from the disclosure of Coiner (or the other cited references) to modify this disclosed arrangement to insert a hose between the port 114 and the cartridge 100, which would be required to meet the recitation of amended independent claim 1, because Coiner discloses that the port 114 is advantageously part of the grip 108 of the cartridge which allows user handling of the cartridge 100 (see col. 5, lines 14-61).

Thus, there is no combination of Martin, Nozawa, Goldstein, Silverbrook, Rasmussen, Austin and Coiner which teaches or suggests the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 5, 12, 13, 17, 18, 21-31, 37-42, 44, 45 and 47-49 dependent therefrom.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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